

“A Living Hope”
1 Peter 1:1-12
3/13/22
Message 1

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “A Living Hope”
- **Headline NEWS – VERY UNCERTAIN TIMES**
 - **World Headlines**
 - Russia invades Ukraine
 - Putin bombs a disabled care home
 - Warsaw overwhelmed as it becomes key refugee destination
 - 2.5 million people have now fled Ukraine: UN
 - Israel Bennett, advises Zelensky to surrender to Russia, Zelensky refuses
 - Fabricated incident' by Russians could spark larger war in Western Europe, former Navy intel officer warns
 - Shockwaves Spread as Europe’s Economy Reels at Energy Fallout
 - Flour rationing in Lebanon, grain hoarding in Hungary: How the Ukraine war is lurching the globe toward a new food crisis
 - **Economy**
 - Gas could reach \$10.00 a gallon by summer
 - Inflation Double Digits

- Risk of a US recession as high as 35%, Goldman Sachs says
- White House expects inflation will 'substantially' increase in coming months
- Okay - This one is VERY serious
 - Doritos Cuts Number of Chips in Each Bag - Blames Bidenflation

○ **Persecution Of Christians**

- Is on the Rise
 - Canada – Bible is hate speech
 - Several European nation say the same
 - Canada Pastor Arrested for Holding Church services
 - US Pastors Fined for holding church services
- Remember
 - More Christians were persecuted in the 20th Century than in all the pervious century combined
 - I believe we are headed for a lot more

○ **Sounds Depressing...**

- Well, the world to a certain extent has been depressing since the garden
- The reason I bring all this to you – because these types of things had just begun in the early church
- This is our backdrop to the letter Peter wrote

• **Purpose for Writing 1 Peter**

- To ENCOURAGE The saints – Being Persecuted
 - Persecution has just begun to take place in world
 - One of the Most notable was Nero
 - His goal was to stamp his image upon the Roman empire
 - In order to do that he needed to reconstruct the city
 - So he secretly hired men to set the city on fire one NIGHT –
 - After much of it burned – The backlash was overwhelming
 - So He Blamed it on the Christians
 - The Christians were an easy target for several reasons
 - They talked about the Fires of Judgment
 - They were considered Anti- Roman because they would NOT declare Caesar as Lord – But Christ
 - Once a year a pinch of incense on the altar – Christian would not do this
 - They were accused of being Cannibals because of Communion – eating
 - The body & drinking the Blood
 - Accused of destroying families
 - Because as people were being saved families were being ripped apart

- The saved Husband or wife would not want to participate in the Pagan Rituals & immoral practices – anymore!!
- So there was already a Hatred toward the Christians in the Roman empire –
 - But with his Accusations Nero brought it to another level
 - An Estimated 6 MILLION Christians were martyred under his reign
 - Some were...
 - Some Dipped in wax – Human Torches
 - As he road around naked in his chariot
 - Some Fed to Lions
 - Some Made to face the Gladiators for Sport
- **So - this is the backdrop to Peter's Letter –**
 - To Encourage Them
 - Keep your EYES on Jesus – There is HOPE

• **History Of the Letter**

- **When**
 - AD 63-67
 - AD 67 Peter is martyred
 - Tradition says upside down on a cross / after watching his wife die the same way
- **Authorship**

- It was written by Peter.
- Church history also attests to Peter's authorship.
 - Polycarp, Clement, and Irenaeus all attribute it to Peter.
- There have been liberal Bible teaches
 - That say there is NO way Peter could have written this letter
 - That claim there is NO way a Fisherman could write such and eloquence letter
 - The language is too sophisticated for a Galilean fisherman
 - Don't waste your time listening to them...
- **Where Was the Letter Written From?**
 - Peter writes this letter from a place he calls "Babylon" (1Peter 5:13)

1 Peter 5:13 (NKJV)

13 *She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son.*

- Now Where is Babylon?
 - Is this literally Babylon
 - Some Scholars say YES
 - Other Say NO
 - Some Believe he was speaking in Code
 - That Babylon is code for Rome

- Peter is writing in “code” to protect the believers in Rome, and so he refers to Rome as “Babylon”.
- Makes what John wrote in Revelation of “Babylon the Great” and describe it in a way that seems like he too is describing Rome (Rev. 17) interesting
- Was Peter in Rome
 - Some absolutely believed he was – in in England as well
 - Others say NO
 - *Ironside H. A “Many who claim that when Peter wrote “Babylon” he actually meant “Rome” have a vested interest in putting Peter at Rome. They want to make him the first pope.”*
 - *Ironside; “In the light of Biblical evidence, it is very difficult to support the idea that Peter was bishop of Rome from A.D. 42 to A.D. 68. It is not at all certain he was ever there at all. In 1 Peter he said he was at Babylon. Evidently he was ministering to the church in that city, though he was writing to churches in far-off Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia—in other words, to churches pioneered by Paul.*
 - Honestly, I don’t KNOW – it’s a fun study but I just cant say for sure – I will leave up to you to study some more
- **So Regardless where Peter was when writing this book...**
 - It Doesn’t Really Matter
 - What matters is –

- Christians were being persecuted for their faith in Jesus
- Peter sets out to encourage them and US
- Peter does so by reminding of their position in CHRIST –
 - Their SALVATION – Their LIVING HOPE
 - This will get you through the everything in life
 - *Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, And to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”*
 - *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er;*
 - *Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!*

• **So this Moring we will look at 5 Encouraging points on the Living Hope We have**

- The Source Of Our Living Hope vs. 1-2
- The Guarantee Of Our Living Hope vs. 3-5
- The Joy Of Our Living Hope vs. 6-9
- The Old Testament and Our Living Hope vs. 10-11
- The Angels and Our Living Hope v. 12

The Source Of Our Living Hope vs. 1-2

• **First: The writer and the intended readers of this letter v. 1**

1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, *To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

- **1st Peter v.1a**
 - Some Facts About Peter

- There is a sense in which he was the leader of the apostolic group.
 - Peter was an important and influential man in the early church.
 - Peter's name is mentioned in the gospels more than anyone except the name of Jesus.
 - No one speaks in the gospels as often as Peter did
 - Jesus spoke more to Peter than to any other individual.
 - Jesus rebuked Peter more than any other disciple.
 - Peter was the only disciple who dared to rebuke Jesus.
 - Peter confessed Jesus more boldly and accurately than any other disciple.
 - Peter denied Jesus more forcefully and publicly than any other disciple.
 - Jesus praised Peter more than any other disciple.
- Some of the important mentions of Peter in the record of Biblical history.
 - When Jesus woke up early in the morning to pray before the sun came up, Simon Peter led the other disciples on a hunt to find Jesus and tell Him what He should do (Mark 1:35-39).
 - Peter put his nets out at the direction of Jesus to bring in a massive catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11).
 - Peter went on a unique outreach trip with the other disciples (Matthew 10:1-42).

- Peter stepped out of the boat during a raging storm and walked on the water with Jesus (Matthew 14:24-33).
- Peter was the one who said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and to know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:68-69).
- Peter saw Jesus transfigured in glory, together with Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17:1-9).
- Peter was the one who asked Jesus how many times we should forgive a brother that sins against us, quoting the high number of “seven times” (Matthew 18:21-35).
- Peter was the one who asked Jesus, after the encounter with the rich young ruler, what the disciples would receive for giving everything up to follow Jesus (Matthew 19:27-30).
- Peter was the one who insisted that Jesus would not wash his feet; then he commanded Jesus to wash his whole body! (John 13:16-20).
- Peter heard Jesus predict that he would deny Him three times (Matthew 26:30-35), and Peter replied, “Even if I have to die with you I will not deny You!” (Matthew 26:35), and the rest of the disciples agreed.
- Peter was the one who cut off the right ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest, when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus (John 18:1-11).
- Peter denied Jesus three times, cursing and swearing that he did not even know “the Man,” refusing to even name the name of Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75).
- Peter was the one who ran with John the disciple to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection, after hearing

the report of the women that the body of Jesus was not in its tomb (John 20:1-10).

- Peter was the one who received a personal visit from the resurrected Jesus on the day of the resurrection (Luke 24:34).
- Peter received a public restoration of Jesus in front of the other disciples after the resurrection of Jesus (John 21).

○ **2nd An APOSTLE Of Jesus Christ v. 1b**

- McGee, give requirements for apostleship!
 - The apostle receives their commission directly from the living lips of Jesus.
 - The apostle saw the Savior after His resurrection.
 - The apostles exercised a special inspiration. They expounded and wrote Scripture (John 14:26, 16:13 / Gal. 1:11-12)
 - They exercised supreme authority. (John 20:22-23 / 2 Cor. 10:8)
 - The badge of their authority was the power to work miracles (Mark 6:13 / Luke 9:1-2 / Acts 2:43)
 - They were given a universal commission to find churches (2 Cor. 11:28)

• **Second: To the Pilgrims v1c**

1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

○ **Pilgrims**

- The word pilgrims is of someone who lives as a temporary resident in a foreign land.
- Pilgrims are sojourners and travelers
- Pilgrims live in constant awareness of their true home.
- *Wiersbe; A vagabond has no home; a fugitive is running from home; a stranger is away from home; a pilgrim is heading home.*
- **We're HEADED HOME MY FRIENDS**

• **Third: To the pilgrims of the Dispersion v. 1c**

1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cap-pa-do-ci-a, Asia, and Bi-thyn-ia,

○ **1st Pilgrims of the Dispersion**

- Peter clearly wrote to Gentiles, Christians (see 1 Peter 1:18, 2:10, and 4:3).
 - Yet he called them pilgrims of the Dispersion
 - A name that was applied to the Jews.
 - He called them this because he saw the Christians of his day as sprinkled throughout the world as the Jewish people were in the Dispersion after the fall of Jerusalem when the Babylonians conquered Judah.

○ **2nd Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia:**

- Places Christianity had extended after the beginning of the church.
- It was probably the route that the original courier of Peter's letter followed in distributing the letter.

- This was not written to any one congregation
 - But intentionally written to all Christians.

• **Second: Peter's description of his readers and all Christians v. 2**

1 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

○ **1st Elect according to the Foreknowledge:**

- Now this brings up the subject of Election - Predestination = Calvinism
 - We have delt with this subject many times in the past
 - I will only make a few comments today
- 3 Camps
 - Calvinism
 - Chosen = Irresistible Grace
 - Can't come to Christ unless you're chosen
 - Arminianism
 - Arminianism, a theological movement in Protestant Christianity that arose as a reaction to the Calvinist doctrine of predestination
 - They Put too much emphasis on men's choosing
 - Biblicist
 - What I Believe
 - We Are Chosen (Eph. 1)

- We have a Choice (John 3:16 / Matt. 23:37)

- Peter **intended by saying Elect**

- You Belong to GOD
- This should bring Comfort to your hearts
- *Hiebert; “The opening characterization of the readers as elect was meant to strengthen and encourage them in their affliction. The doctrine of election is a ‘family truth’ intended to foster the welfare of believers.”*

- **2nd According to the foreknowledge of God:**

- This describes the nature of their election.
- God’s choosing is not random or uninformed
- *Guzik; “This foreknowledge includes prior knowledge of our response to the gospel, but is not solely dependent on it. Though God’s election is according to... foreknowledge, there is more to His foreknowledge than His prior knowledge of my response to Jesus. Election is not election at all if it is only a cause-and-effect arrangement basing God’s choice only on man’s.”*

- **3rd In sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience:**

- This aspect of sanctification takes place before conversion.
- It is a ministry of the Holy Spirit by which He draws people to Christ
- A claim to be among the elect is doubtful if there is no evidence of sanctification and obedience.

- **4th And sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:**

- We Need the Blood of Jesus

- There were 3 circumstances in the Old Testament where blood was sprinkled on people.
 - At the establishment of Sinai or Old Covenant (Exodus 24:5-8).
 - At the ordination of Aaron and his sons (Exodus 29:21).
 - At the purification ceremony for a cleansed leper (Leviticus 14:6-7).
- The sprinkling of the blood of Jesus on us accomplishes the same things.
 - A covenant is formed, then we are ordained as priests to Him, and
 - We are cleansed from our corruption and sin.
 - Each of these is ours through the work of Jesus on the cross.

○ **5th God the Father... the Spirit... Jesus Christ:**

- As far as God the Father is concerned,
 - I was saved when He chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world.
- As far as the Son is concerned,
 - I was saved when He died for me on the cross.
- As far as the Holy Spirit is concerned,
 - I was saved in October 1986
- We see all 3 – the Trinity in our salvation

- **6th Grace to you and peace be multiplied:**

- Grace & Peace
- Cant have peace with God until we have the Grace of God
- He adds MULTIPLIED – I love it

The Guarantee Of Our Living Hope vs. 3-5

- **First: Thanks to the Father for His work of salvation vs. 3**

- **1st Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ v. 3a**

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

- When Peter considered the salvation of God
 - His immediate response was to simply praise Him
 - Simply PRAISE
- Spurgeon; “All His goodness to us begins with mercy. “No other attribute could have helped us had mercy been refused. As we are by nature, justice condemns us, holiness frowns upon us, power crushes us, truth confirms the threatening of the law, and wrath fulfils it. It is from the mercy of our God that all our hopes begin.”

- **2nd Has begotten us again v. 3b**

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

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- Abundant MERCY – Thank you Jesus

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○ **3rd To a living hope v. 3c**

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

- We are born again to a living hope because we have a risen Savior
 - Confucius' tomb – occupied
 - Buddha's tomb – occupied
 - Muhammad's tomb - occupied.
 - Jesus' tomb – EMPTY
- If Christ is NOT raised from the dead then our faith is DEAD
 - BUT He LIVES!!!

• **Second: Incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away v.**

4

1 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)

4 *to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

○ **1st Remember what we have in Christ**

- Peter showed those persecuted Christians how to look PAST their troubles to their eternal inheritance.

- Life, righteousness, joy, peace, perfection,
- God's presence, Christ's glorious companionship, rewards, and all else God has planned is the
- **2nd Inheritance**
 - The inheritance includes all that the believer will enjoy in heaven for eternity
 - All that will be his through Christ
- **3rd Incorruptible**
 - The inheritance is not subject to passing away, nor liable to decay.
 - The word was used in secular Greek of something that was unravaged by an invading army (Matt. 6:19–21).
- **4th Undefined**
 - This word means unpolluted, unstained with evil.
- **5th Does not fade away.**
 - “Fading” was often used of flowers that wither and decay.
 - Though earthly inheritances eventually fade away, the eternal inheritance of a Christian has no decaying elements.

Matthew 6:19–21 (NKJV)

19 *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;*
20 *but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*
21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- **6th Reserved in heaven for you,**

- This means it's "guarded" for us.
- The verb is a "perfect" tense, meaning it's been guarded for us, and continues to be guarded for us.
- Special Dinner – with your name at the table

• **Third: Who are kept by the power of God through faith v. 5**

1 Peter 1:5 (NKJV)

5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- We are kept by the power of God
- No one can steal the Christian's treasure, and no one can disqualify him from receiving it
- This enables us to endure through faith until the coming of Jesus.

The Joy Of Our Living Hope vs. 6-9

• **First: The purpose of trials for those who are saved v. 6**

1 Peter 1:6 (NKJV)

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

- **1st In this you greatly rejoice**
 - So Because of OUR position in Christ
 - WE Rejoice – EVEN in trials
 - Peter is saying guys I know your going through the fire – BUT keep your focus on who and what you are in Christ
 - Because of this hope of the redemption of the body and of a glorious inheritance, believers can greatly rejoice even in the midst of trials.

- **2nd If need be, you have been grieved**

- **If NEED BE**

- Yes we need them
 - More on this in a minute

- **Grieved? Yes**

- It's okay to feel the pain
 - We don't have to act like superman
 - God has a purpose not only for the trial but also for the heavy grief we feel in the trial.

- **3rd Various trials:**

- "Literally, it means 'many-colored' and was used to describe 'the skin of a leopard, the different-colored marble, or an embroidered robe.'" (Hiebert)
 - Many different types of Trials

- **Second: Faith... tested by fire vs. 7-8**

1 Peter 1:7–8 (NKJV)

7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

- **1st Genuineness of your faith v. 7a**

- God's purpose in allowing trouble is to test the reality of one's faith.
 - But the benefit of such a testing, or "fire," is for the Christian NOT God.

- When we come through a trial still trusting the Lord
- We are assured that our faith is genuine
- **2nd Much more precious than gold that perishes:**
 - Our Faith is more precious than GOLD
 - Our faith is precious
 - Gold is asphalt in heaven!!!

• **Third: Receiving the end of your faith v. 9**

1 Peter 1:9 (NKJV)

9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

- **The end of your faith is the return of Jesus and the ultimate salvation of your souls.**
 - “Receiving” could lit. be translated “presently receiving for yourselves.”
 - In one sense, Christians now possess the result of their faith, a constant deliverance from the power of sin.
 - In another sense, we are waiting to receive the full salvation of eternal glory in the redemption of our bodies (Rom. 8:23).

• **Fourth: Lesson - Christians Are Being Prepared for Glory**

- Wiersbe; “We must keep in mind that all God plans and performs here is preparation for what He has in store for us in heaven. He is preparing us for the life and service yet to come. Nobody yet knows all that is in store for us in heaven; but this we do know: life today is a school in which God trains us for our future ministry in eternity.”
- So God is Using Trial as Tools in our life
 - To make us more like Jesus and prepare us for the life to come

○ **1st Trials Meet Needs**

- The phrase “if need be”
 - This indicates that there are times when God knows that we need to go through trials.
- 1st Trials discipline us when we have disobeyed God’s will (Ps. 119:67)
- 2nd Trials prepare us for spiritual growth
- 3rd Prevent us from sinning (2 Cor. 12:1–9).

○ **2nd Trials are Varied.**

- Peter used the word Various “manifold,”
 - Which literally means “variegated, many-colored.”
 - He used the same word to describe God’s grace in (1 Peter 4:10)
- No matter what “color” our day may be—a “blue” Monday or a “gray” Tuesday—
 - God has grace sufficient to meet the need.
 - Trials are varied - God matches the trial with His GRACE

○ **3rd Trials are not easy.**

- Grieved!!
 - Peter did not suggest that we take a careless attitude toward trials, because this would be deceitful.
 - Trials produce what he called “heaviness.”
- Grieved means “to experience grief or pain.”

- It is used to describe our Lord in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:37)
- The sorrow of saints at the death of loved ones (1 Thes. 4:13).
- Christians must accept the fact that there are difficult experiences in life!!!
 - It's Okay to hurt!!!
- **4th Trials are controlled by God.**
 - They do not last forever; they are "For A Season."
 - *Unknown; When God permits His children to go through the furnace, He keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat. If we rebel, He may have to reset the clock; but if we submit, He will not permit us to suffer one minute too long.*
 - The important thing is that we learn the lesson He wants to teach us and that we bring glory to Him alone.
 - Peter illustrated this truth by referring to the goldsmith.
 - Gold is Refined by Fire
 - The Dross is removed
 - The Goldsmith knows the gold is pure when he sees his face in the gold
 - Same with Jesus
 - **Real Gold has NO NEED to FEAR the FIRE**

The Old Testament and Our Living Hope vs. 10-11

- **First: The prior revelation of the salvation experienced by Christians v. 10**

1 Peter 1:10–11 (NKJV)

10 *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,*
11 *searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.*

- **1st Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully:**

- It was important to Peter – and to all the New Testament writers – to demonstrate that their teaching was not new
- It was testified beforehand by the prophets.
- Understanding this made salvation so much greater in the mind of Peter's afflicted readers.

- **2nd Prophesied of the grace that would come to you:**

- The prophets of the Old Testament longed to see the grace of the New Covenant to come.
- One may only imagine how excited Isaiah would have been to read the Gospel of John.
- The Old Testament prophets knew so much; yet much was hidden to them, including the character of the Church (Ephesians 3:4-6) and the very essence of life and immortality (2 Timothy 1:10).

The Angels and Our Living Hope v. 12

- **First: To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering vs. 12a**

1 Peter 1:12 (NKJV)

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

- The prophets understood that they were ministering to people beyond them as well as to people in their own day.
- Pointing to Christ
- These things the prophets predicted were reported as fact by the apostles

• **Second: Things which angels desire to look into v. 12b**

1 Peter 1:12 (NKJV)

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

- **1st Things Angles Desire to Look into**
 - Angels observe our conduct (1 Corinthians 4:9)
 - Making it necessary that Christians conduct themselves properly (1 Corinthians 11:10).
 - God wants the angels to look in on what He does in the church!!!
 - The idea is that the angels are bending over with intense interest and desire to learn.
 - Therefore, they desire to see and learn.

Closing

- So my precious brothers and sisters
 - In light of our LIVING HOPE

- We can face whatever the day, and future brings to us

Psalm 112 (NKJV)

- 1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.***
- 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.***
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.***
- 4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.***
- 5 A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.***
- 6 Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.***
- 7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.***
- 8 His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.***
- 9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.***
- 10 The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.***